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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)
E0295.70155US00

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Application No: 09/748053-Conf. #4482

Art Unit: 2134

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Examiner: T. M. Ho

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS BY A NETWORK DEVICE

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee – required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

Small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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2. Reply and/or fee

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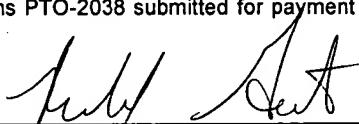
Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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REMARKS

Sir:

The above identified application was unintentionally abandoned following the expiration of the six month period following the Final Office Action mailed May 27, 2005. In response to the Final Office Action, Applicant filed an Amendment including arguments requesting withdrawal of the finality of the rejection. The Amendment was filed on July 27, 2005, which is within the two month period following the mailing of the Final Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant expected an Advisory Action from the Patent Office in response to this Amendment. The Advisory Action was never issued.

As a result, Applicant called the Examiner on October 27, 2005 to inquire about the status of the application. The Examiner orally indicated that Applicant's arguments were persuasive and that the finality of the rejection would be withdrawn. Applicant requested that

the Examiner send a written statement to this effect. A written statement was never issued. As the six month date approached, Applicant repeatedly attempted to contact the Examiner to inquire about the status of the application and to request that either a written statement declaring the withdrawal of finality and/or a new Office Action be issued. However, in each instance, Applicant was unable to reach the Examiner and the six month period ultimately expired.

After the six month date passed, Applicant was able to reach the Examiner. The Examiner acknowledged having agreed to withdraw the finality of the rejection, but apologized for not officially doing so. The Examiner stated that he was unable at to do so at present due to the expiration of the six month period, which resulted in the unintentional abandonment of the application.

Applicant encloses herein a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the finality of the rejection as was orally agreed to on October 27, 2005, and re-open prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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